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October 14, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Craig

SUBJECT: Alleged Changes in the Communist Line

Although all of Charlie's supporting points may not be valid, I agree with and urge that attention be given to his first recommendation.

As you will remember this problem is on our planning list but with a very low priority. As we suggested last spring, I think that the question of giving it a high priority ought to be taken to the Board, after a "preliminary estimate" has been done.

JS (m.s.)
John Sherman
Assistant Director
Office of Coordination

Attachments:

1. Memo to Mr Sherman fr Mr. Norberg dtd 10/13/52.
2. Memo to Dr. Craig fr Geo. Morgan, 10/8/52, attaching cpy memo of conversation, 10/7/52.
3. Cpy memo to Adm. Kirk fr T. Wilson, 10/7/52, attaching cpy of The Economist.

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Dr. Craig:

1. Tom Wilson, Richard Bissell and Sam Berger, MSA think there is a definite change in Communist line and that something should be done about it.
2. Admiral Kirk and George Morgan "stressed importance of not being in a hurry to reach conclusions about Communist line....expected further important indications within the next few weeks." Also "skepticalthat current changes go very deep."
3. Norberg apparently agrees with MSA-ODMS group and recommends that Plans immediately begin on "an urgent basis a consideration of major problems"
4. ODMS people want another meeting within two or three weeks (date of first meeting being Oct. 7)
5. Norberg recommends that we not wait that long.
6. Sherman urges that attention be given Norberg's recommendation, that is concerning the consideration by Plans; and that the question of giving the problem high priority be taken up with Board after preliminary estimate is done.

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